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1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE HAS OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

2. WHAT IS CLAIMED TO BE THE FIRST "AFRICAN FISHERIES EXHIBITION" WILL BE STAGED AT DAKAR, SENEGAL, FROM FEBRUARY 16-22, 1977. IT IS BEING ORGANIZED BY THE BRITISH FISHERIES JOURNAL, WORLD FISHING AND THE FOIRE INTERNATIONALE DE DAKAR (SOFIDAK). THE SITE OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE THE NEW CONGRESS CENTER NEAR YOFF-DAKAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THIS WILL ALSO BE THE LOCATION FOR AN ALL-AFRICAN FISHERIES CONGRESS, ORGANIZED
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BY SOFIDAK, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME.

3. DAKAR'S GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION SHOULD ENABLE THE EXHIBITION TO SERVE FISHERIES FROM GIBRALTAR TO THE CONGO. THIS AREA INCLUDES FISHING GROUNDS BEING ACTIVELY DEVELOPED BY THE WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS AREAS FISHED BY FOREIGN FLEETS, SOME OF WHICH ARE BASED IN WEST

AFRICAN PORTS. ARTISANAL FISHERIES OF THIS REGION ARE UNDERGOING A CONSTANT PROCESS OF MECHANIZATION AND MODERNIZATION, AS ARE THE SHORE FACILITIES WHICH SUPPORT THEM.

4. THE YOFF-DAKAR CENTER HAS MODERN EXHIBITION HALLS WITH ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES. THERE ARE GOOD HOTELS IN DAKAR AND EXCELLENT AIR TRAVEL LINKS VIA DAKAR'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. ROBINSON

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